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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GOJ INITIATIVE ON INCREASED S&T
COOPERATION WITH U.S.

DEPT. PASS TO WHITE HOUSE FOR OSTP

USLO FOR DR. FRANK PRESS

1. EMBOFF ASKED OHTA OF FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR INFO ON
STATUS OF GOJ PREPARATIONS FOR SUBMITTING S AND T PROPOSAL
TO USG, USING AS BASIS FOR INQUIRY NEWSPAPER STORIES TO
EFFECT THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAND PRESIDENT CARTER A
PROPOSAL AT TIME OF BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THAT S&T
COOPERATION MIGHT BE BROADENED INTO MULTILATERAL EFFORT
AT SUMMIT.

2. OHTA GAVE FRANK AND DETAILED ANSWER. AFTER
EARLIER EFFORTS BY MOFA TO GET INPUTS FROM GOJ AGENCIES
HAD BOGGED DOWN, PRIMIN LEARNED OF INTERNAL DISSENSION
AND TOOK CHARGE. HE CALLED MEETING OF INVOLVED CABINET
MINISTERS ON JUNE 30 AND APPOINTED CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY
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ABE AS SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR PREPARATION OF GOJ PROPOSAL.
IN TURN, ABE APPOINTED HIS DEPUTY, DOSHO, TO DEAL WITH
DIRECTORS GENERAL OF AGENCIES, AND AN ALL-OUT INTERAGENCY
EFFORT IS NOW UNDERWAY TO COMPLETE PROPOSAL BY EARLY NEXT
WEEK. PROPOSAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT THAT TIME. PRIMIN MAY REFER TO
PROPOSAL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT IN BONN BUT WILL

NOT LITERALLY PRESENT IT TO HIM.

3. PROPOSAL WILL BE BROAD, ENCOMPASSING PHILOSOPHY, SPECIFIC PROJECTS, AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL UNDECIDED AS TO HOW MANY PROJECTS WILL BE PROPOSED. THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD LIMITING PROJECTS TO ONE INITIALLY, NAMELY FUSION, ON BASIS THAT JAPANESE RESEARCHERS DO NOT HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN CONDUCTING JOINTLY FUNDED AND MANNED PROJECTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND THUS IT WOULD BE BEST TO GO SLOWLY AND GAIN EXPERIENCE.

4. ON LAST POINT ABOVE, EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO OHTA THAT A MAJOR U.S.-JAPAN JOINT PROJECT HAD BEEN UNDERWAY IN JAPAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS: THE RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH FOUNDATION AT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, SPONSORED BY DOE AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. OHTA WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH RERF, BUT AFTER BEING GIVEN DETAILED EXPLANATION, HE SAID THAT INFO WOULD BE FACTORED IMMEDIATELY INTO JAPANESE THINKING. MANSFIELD

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